

It is proper for me to state, that I have been made the Channel of the preliminary communication simply from the fact that in the entire absence of the honor of a personal acquaintance on the part of the New York Committee with you, they have thought that the *official position* of the Cor Secy of the Order in the United States, might possibly give some weight to the application —

Very respectfully &

Fraternally

Yrs

JAS L RIDGELY

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WPM-LC

Peter Skew Smith⁶² to Willie P. Mangum

PHILADELPHIA Apl. 16. 1847

Dear Sir,

At the instance of the Native American Executive Committee of the State of Pennsylvania of which I have the honor to be chairman, I respectfully inquire whether if it be tendered to you and that unanimously, you are disposed to accept the nomination of President of the United States from the National Native American Convention to assemble at Pittsburg on the second tuesday of May next, for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President?

The candidate to be supported by the American party, as the standard bearer of the national principle that to preserve and perpetuate our Republican institutions, *the American born must rule America.*

I am Sir very Respectfully your friend

PETER SKEW SMITH

Hon. Willie P. Mangum

⁶²Peter Skew Smith supported Taylor in 1848 but after he learned that Taylor would ignore the Native American Party, he turned against him. Hamilton, *Zachary Taylor; Soldier in the White House*, 234.